

## **HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY**

### **(Special Meeting)**

**25 JULY 2006**

<b><u>PRESENT:-</u></b>	Councillor Stroud in the Chair
<b>Elected Members:-</b>	Councillors Brookes, De Freitas, Phillips, Rudd and Tress.
<b>Magistrate Members: -</b>	Mr C Palmerley, Mr A Smith and Mr R Stuart.
<b>Independent Members:-</b>	Mr S Abdul Rahman, Ms A Branton, Mrs H Groves, Mr J Shipley, Mr G Southern
<b>Officers: -</b>	Mr J Bates, Director of Performance and Resources, Mr P Goatley, Assistant Chief Officer (Support), Mr N Kingston, Assistant Chief Executive, Mr P Wainwright, Performance and Resources Manager, Mr John Savage, Police Federation and Mrs Jen Galbraith, Chief Officer Support.

The Authority met at Pacific Exchange, Kingston upon Hull.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Keith Brookes to his first meeting of the Police Authority.

- 23** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/OFFERS OF GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY** – The Chair reminded Members of the need to record any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and to disclose any relevant receipt or offering of gifts or hospitality.

No interests were declared or disclosures made.

- 24** **APOLOGIES** – There were no apologies for absence.

- 25** **(16) PROTECTIVE SERVICES** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that (i) updated Members on the activities of the four Police Forces and Police Authorities in respect of the arrangements being put into place in respect of Protective Services; (ii) provided feedback to Members on the Joint Meeting with Members of the other three Authorities; (iii) sought approval to establish a Joint Committee and (iv) sought nominations from the Authority. Attached at Appendix 1 to the report was an outline of the legal background in respect

of proposals to establish a joint body with Appendix 2 detailing the "Heads of Agreement". The Director of Performance and Resources circulated an additional paper that provided information on the background to the formation of a Joint Committee.

The report also provided information on the latest position on restructuring. Police Authorities had received formal notification from the Home Office that the Home Secretary had decided to withdraw the notice of his proposal to make an amalgamation order in respect of the Yorkshire and Humberside Region.

The Chairman and the Director of Performance and Resources commented on the discussions at the APA Summit held on 19 July involving Sir Ronnie Flannagan where it was made clear that the Government intended to retain the option of imposing mergers but that demonstrating that collaboration worked was one way of avoiding forced changes to police structures.

Members that had attended the Joint Meeting at Thorpe Park on 22 June 2006 advised the Committee of the sense of unity that had been felt at the meeting and voiced their support for the Joint Committee. The Chairman added that in some areas, forces had been pushed together and there had been a lot of acrimony whereas despite the differing views between the four forces in the Yorkshire and Humber region, all forces had been able to work together. The establishment of the Joint Committee would place the Region in a strong position given that other areas were still considering options.

The Assistant Chief Officer (Support) advised that the Chief Officer Group were to meet to determine what other gains could be made from the Joint Committee. He explained that there were other opportunities beyond protective services that needed to be explored.

**Resolved** - (a) That the report be noted; (b) that the creation of a Joint Committee of the four authorities in respect of Protective Services be agreed; (c) that the "Heads of Agreement" detailed in Appendix 2 of the report be agreed and (d) that the Chairman and Vice Chair of the Police Authority and the Chairman of Performance Scrutiny be nominated to represent the Humberside Police Authority on the Joint Committee with Mr Palmerley JP appointed as an alternate Member.